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Following is the text of a late July 6 posting at the State Department press office, in response to a question taken at the noon briefing earlier that day:

(begin text) Q: Do you have any comment on New Zealand Prime Minister Bolger's statement regarding President Bush's announcement on planned withdrawals based on his Nuclear Weapons Initiative?

A: We understand Prime Minister Bolger issued a statement on July 3, welcoming the president's announcement and stating that there is no reason now why U.S. non-nuclear vessels cannot call on New Zealand.

As President Bush noted in his July 2 press conference, our announcement "might clear the way for resolution of differences we have had with some countries. But that's up to them to decide."

Our policy toward New Zealand remains unchanged. (end text) NNNN